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HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE
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IMPACT OF MOBILE PHONE ON USERS
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Will the Minister of HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether carrying of cell phones in a belt holster or trouser packet reduces chances of conception;

(b) if so, whether a study has been conducted in this regard;

(c) if so, the outcome thereof;

(d) whether the Government has sought the views of the foreign experts in this regard; and

(e) if so, the reaction of the Government thereto?

Answer

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEALTH AND FAMILY WELFARE (SMT. PANABAKA LAKSHMI)

(a) Such type of specific studies have not been carried out on human subjects conclusively.

(b) Dr. Imre Fejes and his colleagues from the Department of Obste. & Gyane, University of Szeged, Hungary carried out a study to assess the effect of mobile phones on human subjects.

(c) The Hungarian Scientists studied 221 men for 13 months and compared the sperm of men who used their phones heavily wih those that did not. They found that the prolonged use of cell phones may have a nagative effect on spermatogenesis (sperm production) and male fertility. However Dr. Fejes is of the opinion that further work was needed to confirm the findings.

(d) No, Sir. However according to the World Health Organization (WHO) `none of the recent reviews concluded that exposure to Radio Frequency waves from mobile phones or their base stations damages health, but stresses that more studies are needed`.

(e) Government agrees with the view of WHO.